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New U.S. Patent Application  
Title: A METHOD OF DETECTING AND/OR QUANTIFYING  
A SPECIFIC IGE ANTIBODY IN A LIQUID SAMPLE  
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Sir:

We enclose the following papers for filing in the United States Patent and Trademark Office in connection with the above patent application.

1. A check for \$1218 representing the filing fee.
2. Application - 32 pages, including 2 independent claims and 31 claims total.
3. Drawings - 13 sheets of formal drawings containing 13 figures.

This application is being filed under the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(f). Applicant awaits notification from the Patent and Trademark Office of the time set for filing the Declaration.

Applicant claims the right to priority based on Danish Patent Application No. PA 199801709, filed on December 22, 1998 and U.S. Provisional Patent Application No. 60/113,536, December 22, 1998, respectively.

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The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional filing fees due and any other fees due under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or § 1.17 during the pendency of this application to our Deposit Account No. 06-0916.

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